
Media Inquiry: Racist Allegations

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To: Jenni Monet <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Rebecca Landsberry <[REDACTED]>, Brian Calvert <[REDACTED]>

Jenni,

My comments have not been on behalf of NAJA or HCN - they are mine alone. What I said was that your comments appear to me to be racist, if your source has interpreted this a different way, then I apologize for the miscommunication.

Regrettably, people perceive you as a bully. They see when you undermine colleagues in regards to their tribal recognition status. As well, my staff took your tweet from 10/13 as an attempt to troll their work and heard it as racially-coded.

On a personal note, we have known each other for nearly a decade - I have admired your work and your reporting in Indian Country. We do not see eye to eye on many issues these days, that much is clear, but I think there is room for disagreement in relationships that don't require the burning of bridges or public animosity.

If you are amenable, I am happy to secure a mediator to help navigate this situation in order to put a stop to this mutual acrimony. I think it's fair to say that nobody is able to get their best work done when there's bad blood and I would like to try and remedy this with you. Please let me know and I will make arrangements.

I remember when I admired your sacrifice at Standing Rock.

Sincerely,
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